

Re-Elect IVAN WATSON, UVic Board of Governors

Trusted leadership, proven service

Dear Colleagues:

Since 2023, it has been a privilege to serve as your staff representative. When elected, I pledged to be a strong and principled staff voice—and I delivered. With 100% Board attendance, active participation, and consistent advocacy for the values that define us, *I ensure staff voices are heard loud and clear at the Board table.*

I speak up on issues around affordability, cost of living, investing in staff, research and student services, and doubling down on our shared values when times are tough.

UVic's greatest assets are our talented staff, students and faculty. Together, despite sector-wide challenges, we are achieving great things, from the Faculty of Health and National Centre for Indigenous Laws, to advancing transnational education, the ECS expansion, and community partnerships for UVic-owned properties.

We punch above our weight on global rankings and are making *real progress on Indigenization, reconciliation, sustainability, climate, diversity, equity, inclusion and cutting-edge research*—with more to do and more to come, including a new President.

As an alumnus, UVic has defined my professional journey for more than 20 years. Highlights include:

UVic:

- Gustavson School of Business, Connections Manager (current)
- Staff representative, Appointment Committee for next President (current)
- Engineering & Computer Science, Communications
- Law, Communications
- Alumni Association Board
- Graduate Student Society Board
- Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions
- Europe-Canada Network (EUCANet)

Community:

- United Way Canada, National Board

- United Way Greater Victoria, Chair
- Red Cross, National Member
- Leadership Victoria, Vice-President

Let's continue to advance the values that make UVic a dynamic, inclusive and meaningful place to work, learn and live. With your support, I'm ready to tackle the challenges ahead.

From January 19–23, re-elect IVAN WATSON, a strong and principled staff voice on the Board of Governors.

With gratitude,

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